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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:51 AM
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Subject: FW: December Perspective Newsletter

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Perspective
News and Views from Achieve

December 2007

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Commentary

Aligning High School Graduation Requirements with the Real World: A Road Map for States

When Achieve's American Diploma Project (ADP) Network was founded at the 2005 National Education Summit, only two states (Texas and Arkansas) had graduation requirements rigorous enough to prepare students for success in college and careers. The governors and state education leaders who helped start the ADP Network recognized that if they wanted their graduates to be able to compete for college and jobs in a "flat world" their 20th century education standards were no longer good enough. They also understood the power of collaborating with and learning from each other as they raised expectations.

Nowhere has the power of collective state action been more apparent than in the rapid adoption by states of rigorous college and career ready graduation requirements. What began as two states just under three years ago now stands at 17, with Louisiana and Arizona taking action to raise their graduation requirements just this month. For a state by state comparison of the new requirements, go here.

Each of the states that have put new requirements in place has faced a series of difficult decisions in designing and implementing its graduation policy. In which

subject areas should the state establish requirements and how challenging should those requirements be? Should the new requirements be mandatory for all students or should there be an opt- out provision? How will the state ensure that courses with the same name are taught in a consistently rigorous manner across the state? What are the implications for career and technical education or other non traditional curricular pathways? The list goes on.

In order to help states navigate these issues, Achieve held a strategy session for ADP states earlier this year. We invited leaders from states who had already raised graduation requirements to attend so they could share their experiences and lessons learned with states that were planning action. The dynamics and the ideas that emerged were powerful.

As an outgrowth of that meeting, Achieve has developed a policy brief entititled, "Aligning High School Graduation Requirements with the Real World: A Road Map for States." (Download it here.) The Road Map addresses the most frequently cited challenges of policy design as well as strategies for implementation, communication and coalition building. It draws heavily on the experience of early adopter states.

Raising graduation requirements is no panacea. It brings numerous capacity challenges to the fore, from finding enough qualified math and science teachers to ensuring students receive the support they need to succeed. But that is exactly the point. Setting the bar so that all students graduate from high school prepared for the real world is an important first step in addressing and resolving these critical issues. Once the bar is set, it enables all of the leaders in the state, in districts and in schools to focus on what really matters: doing what it takes to help students succeed.

New from Achieve

ADP Mathematics Backmapped Benchmarks

Achieve has mapped out what students need to know and be able to do in mathematics in grades K-12, seamlessly connecting the expectations throughout the grades with those for the end of high school. These benchmarks outline a progression of mathematics content that, if followed, will ensure that students master the content needed to be successful in college and work. More...

Policy Brief on Interim Assessments

School districts increasingly see interim assessments as an important element in their instructional improvement strategy and are implementing interim assessments district-wide in multiple grades and content areas. Yet, they face significant design and implementation challenges to realizing the potential of interim assessments to improve teaching and learning. The Aspen Institute Education and Society Program and Achieve, Inc. partnered with the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment to develop a policy brief on the role of interim assessments in a comprehensive assessment system. The goals are to clarify how interim assessments fit into the landscape of formative assessment and to offer recommendations to districts on the appropriate use of

interim assessments as part of a broader assessment system. The brief is informed by conversations with the Aspen Institute Urban Superintendents Network and the affiliated Dana Center-Achieve Urban Mathematics Leaders Network. More...

Common Algebra II Test Update

The end-of-course Algebra II exam is the largest effort a group of states has ever undertaken to develop a common assessment based on common standards. Nine ADP Network states - Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island - formed the consortium initially and a number of other states are in the process of joining. The first field test of the Algebra II exam occurred in October. An additional field test will be held in February 2008. First operational administration of the test will occur in May 2008. A fact sheet that answers frequently asked questions is available, including information on the core test content and how states can become members of the consortium. More...

Louisiana and Arizona Increase Graduation Requirements

In early December the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved college- and career-ready graduation requirements. The revision to Bulletin 741, the Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, will increase the Carnegie credits needed to earn a diploma from 23 to 24 by requiring a fourth year of math, including Algebra II, for high school graduation. Beginning with incoming freshman in 2008-09, all students automatically will be enrolled in the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum, which includes four units each of English, math, science, and social studies; one unit of visual arts, performing arts, or Fine Arts Survey; and two units of foreign language or speech courses. These revisions are the result of recommendations from the Louisiana High School Redesign Commission, a statewide collaborative effort of the Department of Education, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents and the Governor's Office.

At its meeting on December 10, the Arizona State Board of Education raised its graduation requirements, bringing the total number of states

News Clips

1. **Align Student Performance with U.S., Global Standards.**

   The Arizona Republic published a viewpoint by Dr. Craig R. Barrett and Dr. Lattie F. Coor that strongly endorses an increase in the graduation standards of Arizona schools. It points out that, "If we ... do not educate our students to world standards, we will not be competitive." More...

2. **Education Reform in Tennessee.**

   Dr. Susan Bunch, Assistant Commissioner for Teaching and Learning at the Tennessee Department of Education, notes in an editorial that, "The standards and curriculum that determine the framework and requirements for learning are the bedrock of a quality

with college- and career-ready graduation requirements to 17. It added two additional years of math (Algebra II and another course that includes significant math content), one additional credit of science, and one-half credit of economics. The changes will be phased in beginning with the graduating class of 2012. These students will have to complete 20 credits, including one-half credit of economics and three credits of math. The class of 2013 must earn 22 credits to graduate high school. The final rules are posted on the Board of Education's website. Read an article in the *Arizona Daily Star*.

education. Gov. Phil Bredesen is leading the drive to bring the community together to advance those learning standards under the Tennessee Diploma Project." More...

3. **World's Schools Teach U.S. a Lesson.**

   An article in *The Christian Science Monitor* focuses on the need to better prepare students in light of global competition. Achieve president Mike Cohen says that "governors and chief state school officers ... basically have said, 'Well, it's great that you want us to align our expectations with the real world kids will face domestically ... but that's not enough; we need to know what our expectations ought to be in order for our kids to succeed [globally].' " More...

New Resources

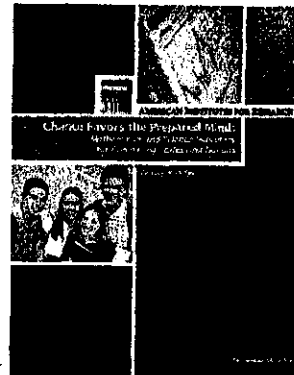
- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) released the results of the 2007 reading and mathematics assessments, known as the Trial Urban District Assessments, or TUDAs. These assessments were given earlier this year to 4th- and 8th-grade students at eleven urban school districts at the same time as national- and state-level assessments. The study compares students' scores against the average nationally and the averages of students in other large central cities (population >250,000). Key findings show that national NAEP trends in 4th and 8th grade math and reading scores were similarly observed among the urban districts tested.
    - The national average for 4th grade NAEP math scores increased from 2003 to 2007. Eight urban districts saw a similar increase, three saw no change.
    - The national average for 8th grade NAEP math scores increased

from 2003 to 2007. All eleven urban districts saw a similar increase.

- The national average for 4th grade NAEP reading scores increased from 2003 to 2007. Ten urban districts saw a similar increase, one saw no change.

- The national average for 8th grade NAEP reading scores remained constant from 2003 to 2007. Seven urban districts saw a similar stagnation, three saw an increase.

Detailed statistics about particular districts show some areas where achievement gaps are being closed. The full TUDA report gives examples.

- The American Institutes for Research (AIR) has issued a report entitled, "Chance Favors the Prepared Mind: Mathematics and Science Indicators for Comparing States and Nations." It compares the mathematics and science skills of 8th-grade students in each of the 50 states, D.C., and U.S. Department of Defense schools with those of their counterparts around the world and provides international benchmarks to help states see how their students are doing within an international context.

"More than a century ago Louis Pasteur revealed the secret to invention and innovation when he said 'chance favors the prepared mind'. The take away message from this report is that the United States is loosing the race to prepare the minds of the future generation," says Dr. Gary Phillips, a chief scientist at AIR and report author.

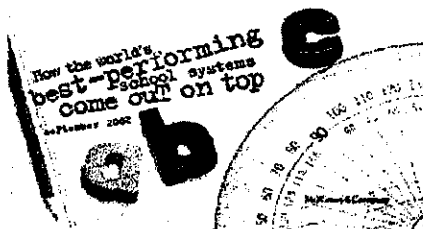
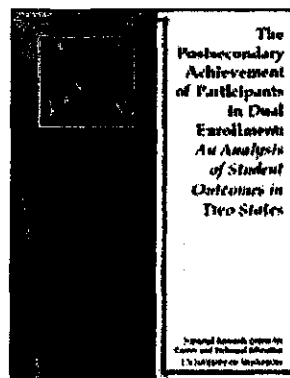
According to the study, students in Singapore and several other Asian countries significantly outperform U.S. students, even those in high-achieving states. Download the report...

- The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) results are in. PISA is an assessment that focuses on 15-year-olds' capabilities in reading literacy, mathematics literacy, and science literacy. In the U.S., this age corresponds largely to grade 9 and 10 students. It is coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental organization of industrialized countries. In 2006, fifty-seven jurisdictions participated in PISA, including 30 OECD jurisdictions and 27 non-OECD jurisdictions. The results show the average combined science literacy scale score for U.S. students to be lower than the OECD average. U.S. students scored lower on science literacy than their peers in 16 of the other 29 OECD jurisdictions and 6 of the 27 non-OECD jurisdictions. Twenty-two jurisdictions (5 OECD jurisdictions and 17 non-OECD jurisdictions) reported lower scores compared to the U.S. in science literacy.

On the mathematics literacy scale, U.S. students scored lower than the

OECD average. Thirty-one jurisdictions (23 OECD jurisdictions and 8 non-OECD jurisdictions) scored higher on average, than the U.S. in mathematics literacy in 2006. In contrast, 20 jurisdictions (4 OECD jurisdictions and 16 non-OECD jurisdictions) scored lower than the U.S. in mathematics literacy in 2006.

Administered every three years, PISA includes measures of general or cross-curricular competencies, such as learning strategies, and emphasizes skills that students have acquired as they near the end of mandatory schooling. PISA 2000 focused on reading literacy, PISA 2003 focused on mathematics literacy, and PISA 2006 focused on science literacy. More...

- McKinsey & Company, a global consulting group, conducted a study to find out why some schools succeed where others do not. It studied 25 of the world's school systems, including 10 of the top performers. The experiences of these systems suggests that three things matter most: 1) getting the right people to become teachers, 2) developing them into effective instructors, and 3) ensuring that the system is able to deliver the best possible instruction for every student. Read the PDF and an article in *The Economist*.

- Researchers at the Community College Research Center at Teachers College, Columbia University, have examined the outcomes of dual enrollment participation for students in Florida and New York City, with emphasis on students in career and technical education (CTE) programs. "The Postsecondary Achievement of Participants in Dual Enrollment: An Analysis of Student Outcomes in Two States" analyzes both short-term and long-term effects of participation in dual enrollment and differential effects based on demographics such as race/ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status. The authors report positive effects from participation and provide evidence that dual enrollment can be an effective transition strategy for a variety of students. More...

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Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 8:15 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Edward Sheridan

address: 5920 Ridgelake Cir Anchorage AK 99504

344-8685

MESSAGE:

Thank You for the Chistmas Eve leave. I have worked for the state for 11 years under two other administrations and this is a first. Merry Christmas to you and your family.-Ed Sheridan

sheridanak@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:49 AM
To: Wright; Kelli J (DOT)
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:06 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: General_Administration

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:46 AM
To: jessicacox8@hotmail.com
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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jessica Co

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:45 AM
To: elliott_edenmarie@asdk12.org
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Ms. Eden Elliott-Hernandez

address: 11229 Mausel St Eagle River AK 99577

907 350-5617

MESSAGE:

Just a quick note to commend you on a job well done! You are straightforward, proactive, and committed to high levels of excellence. As a Christian, a woman, and as a teacher I am continuously astounded at the positive dialogue and involvement your governorship has provided. Your leadership has proved to be a segue to both hope and increased levels of trust in our government. Your administration reflects the true meaning of democracy; we are fortunate to have you as our Governor.

Merry Christmas, and may God continue to bless you and your difficult decisions in the future.

Eden Elliott-Hernandez

Mountain View Elementary

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 6:03 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Phone call

Governor,

We are standing by to give you a call (tom, pat, Marty, and myself). Just drop me an email when you get there and are ready.

Joe

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:56 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Haven't read all of it but summary sounds great - I'll finish tonight.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 16:17:39

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act. ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;

2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port; and

3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: 'revans@fs.fed.us'
Subject: RE: Transportation

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Transportation

Web mail from: Mr. Ross Evans

address: 2116 Halibut Point Road #4 Sitka AK 99835

MESSAGE:

I have read the upcoming budget you have proposed. I do agree with you that slowing governmental growth is important. I believe in less government overall. That being said, there is an area of state government that if neglected, as has been and will be, based on your proposed budget, causes damage to citizens and visitors alike. The AMHA is vital to many communities, especially in the southeast. The service has suffered alot of very publicly announced losses lately, and the proposed budget does nothing to recoup those losses and provide for current and future operations. The combination of the aging fleet, the unexpected operational problems with the fast ferries, the high cost of fuel...all have damaged the ability of the AMHS to provide even basic transportation services. These are not my opinion, these are facts agreed upon by all. My question is, knowing how poorly the service is doing presently, why is the proposed budget not being developed to fix the existing problems, support

current operations, and provide for the already publicized major expenditures required to provide the service in the future? I am a disabled veteran, and the ferry is my only means of transportation to shop in Juneau. Since I live on a fixed income, I must shop very carefully and within a strict budget. So shopping in Juneau, making bulk purchases, is the only way I can afford many of my daily use items. I cannot take these items on Alaska Airlines, so the ferry is my only other available option. Since service cuts have already decimated Sitka to Juneau (or Sitka to anywhere, for that matter) service, how can I expect to stay in Sitka and survive? Tourists will not be able to visit as much, I cannot make it to medical appts, I cannot visit anyone, vehicles cannot be transported to Sitka,... the list goes on and on. Why is a basic service to Alaskans being allowed to be discontinued like this? Please, begging is not pretty, but sometimes necessary. Cutting basic services, while banking

record budget surpluses sickens me. Plea!

se don't do it anymore. Please help. Thank you.

revans@fs.fed.us

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: scamp@hopealaska.org
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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Sandra Camp

address: 540 W. International Airport R Anchorage AK 99518-1105

907-333-5183

MESSAGE:

Sandra Camp

540 W. International Airport Rd.

Anchorage, AK 99518-1105

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

PO Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Dear Governor Palin: Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including $10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

In Alaska, families with children make up 45% of the homeless, and the average age of a homeless person in Alaska is nine years old. More and more families are being driven into homelessness due to inadequate income, lack of affordable housing or a catastrophic event such as loss of a job, illness, injury or the need to flee from a violent partner. Whatever the reason for homelessness, a safe and affordable home will help children be more successful in school and promote strong families that can care for all their members.

For people who are struggling with mental illness or an addiction, safe, affordable, stable housing is the first step in recovery. As well as a stable home, the Alaska Housing Trust will provide a variety of supportive services that will help people with disabilities maintain the stability they need to keep their housing. The result will be greater community stability and cost savings to the state in public safety, corrections and other public funding it would otherwise use.

Thank you again for supporting the Alaska Housing Trust. This investment will result in stable families, seniors and people with disabilities living in independence and dignity, stronger cities, towns and neighborhoods, and healthier more productive Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Sandra Camp

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Susan Lewis

address: PO Box 877782 Wasilla AK 99687-7782

MESSAGE:

Susan Lewis

PO Box 877782

Wasilla, AK 99687-7782

December 19, 2007

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Sincerely,

Susan Lewis, Accountant

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

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Web mail from: Ms. Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus

address: PO Box 15 Kiana AK 99749-0015

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MESSAGE:

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus

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December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

PO Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

You asked for input, and you listened to what we said. You have made a big difference in many people's lives by doing so.

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: Rymer; John P (DOA)
Subject: RE: Christmas Eve

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From: Rymer, John P (DOA)

Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:37 PM

To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Christmas Eve

Governor Palin,

Thank you very much for the extra time with our family and friends

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: jweaverak@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:38 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Mr. John Weaver

address: 8420 Longhorn St Anchorage AK 99507-6350

9073464560

MESSAGE:

John Weaver

8420 Longhorn Street

Anchorage, AK 99507-6350

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

PO Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

For people who are struggling with mental illness or an addiction, safe, affordable, stable housing is the first step in recovery. As well as a stable home, the Alaska Housing Trust will provide a variety of supportive services that will help people with disabilities maintain the stability they need to keep their housing. The result will be greater community stability and cost savings to the state in public safety, corrections and other public funding it would otherwise use.

Sincerely,

John Weaver
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jweaverak@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:45 PM
To: disantodm@muni.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:15 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Diane DiSanto

address: Municaplity of Anchorage, Mayo Anchorage AK 99519-6650

343-7105

MESSAGE:

Diane DiSanto

Municaplity of Anchorage, Mayor's office, PO Box 196650

Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

PO Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Thank you again for supporting the Alaska Housing Trust. This investment will result in stable families, seniors and people with disabilities living in independence and dignity, stronger cities, towns and neighborhoods, and healthier more productive Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Diane DiSanto

343-7105

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disantodm@muni.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:45 PM
To: aangel@focusoutreach.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:18 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Annette Angel

address: PO Box 671750 Chugiak AK 99567-1750

907-688-0282

MESSAGE:

Annette Angel

PO Box 671750

Chugiak, AK 99567-1750

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

PO Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Dear Governor Palin: Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including $10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

In Alaska, families with children make up 45% of the homeless, and the average age of a homeless person in Alaska is nine years old. More and more families are being driven into homelessness due to inadequate income, lack of affordable housing or a catastrophic event such as loss of a job, illness, injury or the need to flee from a violent partner. Whatever the reason for homelessness, a safe and affordable home will help children be more successful in school and promote strong families that can care for all their members.

For people who are struggling with mental illness or an addiction, safe, affordable, stable housing is the first step in recovery. As well as a stable home, the Alaska Housing Trust will provide a variety of supportive services that will help people with disabilities maintain the stability they need to keep their housing. The result will be greater community stability and cost savings to the state in public safety, corrections and other public funding it would otherwise use.

Thank you again for supporting the Alaska Housing Trust. This investment will result in stable families, seniors and people with disabilities living in independence and dignity, stronger cities, towns and neighborhoods, and healthier more productive Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Annette Angel

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aangel@focusoutreach.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:44 PM
To: Gray; Mary A (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mary Gray

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:42 PM
To: Wilson; Debra E (CED)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 12:59 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Debra Wi

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:43 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mt. View Rasmuson Tour 12:00 noon today

I'll ctach up w Diane.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 10:44:17

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Mt. View Rasmuson Tour 12:00 noon today

Governor - Would you prefer to drive during the tour at Mt. View with passengers or would you prefer to ride and have someone else drive during this time. Thanks, Janice

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:42 AM
To: Jedlicka; Kiersten W (DOA)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:31 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Kiersten

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:25 AM
To: Milward; Kathy L (DOL)
Subject: RE: Christmas Eve - Half Day Leave

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From: Milward, Kathy L (DOL)

Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:13 AM

To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Christmas Eve - Half Day Leave

Dear Sarah,

I am a valley girl like yourself and, althou

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]

Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:51 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: FW: State Email mess

Here was Admin's response back to Mr. King about the email issue. I don't know if someone re-forwarded this to you with your correct addy. Sorry if you've already received it.
F

From: Petro, Rachael A (DOA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:41 PM
To: Ron King; Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Moyer, Janet A (DOA); govsarah@yahoo.com; Dubey, Anand (DOA)
Subject: RE: State Email mess

Please feel free to contact me directly and privately in regard to your concerns about the new email system. My direct line is 269-5795.

We are painfully aware of our reputation for poor customer service and are committed to working out the issues with the new email system. We are implementing new processes within ETS which will enable us to provide the customer service our customers deserve. This process is now in place for ALMR/SATS and is "coming soon" to the remainder of the division.

You are correct that agency staff who worked to implement the new email system deserve kudos, and I apologize for not incorporating them into the recognition event. That was a complete oversight, and certainly not intended to be a slap in the face. I am sorry.

Please contact me directly to share your concerns in confidence – so we can begin to find solutions.

Sincerely,
Rachael Petro

Rachael Petro
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Administration

www.state.ak.us/admin Website
rachael.petro@alaska.gov Email
907-269-0303 Main
907-269-5795 Direct
907-269-0308 Fax

From: Ron King [mailto:ron.king71@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:27 PM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Petro, Rachael A (DOA); Moyer, Janet A (DOA); govsarah@yahoo.com; Dubey, Anand (DOA)
Subject: State Email mess

I apologize for writing this anonymously, but there's never been a forum offered for such blunt comments on the state email mess. I also fear retribution for speaking my mind. I also apologize for my sarcasim, but at this point, it's the only way I can deal with it.

I don't know who's idea it was to throw a party for ETS and give awards for the mis-implementation of the new email system, but it was a HUGE slap in the face to employees in other departments who devoted time and effort to try to make it work. Not to mention, it doesn't work properly! But the worst part is that NOTHING is being done about the inadequacies of the new system.

Thanks for using technology to make it harder to do business. I thought it was supposed to be the other way around.

But, whatever is easier for ETS, right?

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 12:24 PM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: Other

Governor - I wanted to make sure that you do not know this family personally. If we don't want to do a letter of recommendation maybe we could send a Christmas card and nice letter of encouragement/congratulations to the son. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 10:01 AM

To: donna_suzanne_anderson@yahoo.com

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 5:45 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms.

Unknown

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:44 AM
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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 1:07 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: MHTA

In case you hear anything about this, we got a list back on potentials for the three openings on the Mental Health Trust Authority. These potential nominees have come through the MHT nominating committee. Privileged or Per

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:18 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act. ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;
2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port; and
3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

Unknown

From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]

Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:16 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: FW: Fishermen's Fund

Governor,

We have another spot to fill on the Fishermen's Fund – this one the Northern Southeast seat. Two Options researched by Cora below. I'd lean towards Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Below are the only two applicants we have on file for this position.

Filling this seat will leave just one recent vacancy that opened up when Andy Ruby passed away. We're working on this to pick another one off our list.

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From: Crome, Cora J (GOV)
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 1:35 PM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Fishermen's Fund

Frank,
For the District 2 seat on Fishermen's Fund (Northern Southeast) we have two applicants.

1. Alan Anderson of Sitka is a lifelong Alaskan fisherman who has served on the boards of Seafood Producers Cooperative and the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association for many years.
   Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
2. Chris Knight of Juneau is a fisherman who is also a registered lobbyist. Privileged or Personal Material Rec
   Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Let me know if I should keep looking.
Thanks,
Cora

Cora Crome
Fisheries Policy Advisor
Office of the Governor
(907) 465-3500

Please note that my e-mail address has changed. The new address is cora.crome@alaska.gov.